

GENERAL INFORMATION
AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LESS THAN 16 YEARS OF AGE IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO FISH.

EXPLANATION OF LICENSES and PERMITS:

Resident and Non-Resident Non-Tidal (full season) License allows an individual to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland from January 1 through December 31.

5-Day Non-Tidal License allows residents and non-residents to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland for 5 consecutive days.

3-Day Non-Tidal License allows non-residents to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland for 3 consecutive days.

Trout Permit allows anyone 16 years of age or older to possess trout taken from non-tidal waters.

Resident and Non-Resident Bay Sport (full season) License allows an individual to fish the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries from January 1 through December 31.

5-Day Bay Sport License allows residents and non-residents to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries for 5 consecutive days.

Senior Consolidated Fishing License allows residents who are 65 years of age or older to fish in the fresh waters of Maryland and in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries from January 1 through December 31 at a reduced rate.

***Variable** See freshwater price list for variable fees.

COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES

Complimentary non-tidal licenses are available to Maryland residents who are 100% service connected, disabled veterans or former prisoners of war. The applicant for a complimentary license must furnish a letter of disability or a letter of certification from the Veterans Administration with their initial application. Complimentary tidal and non-tidal licenses are also available to residents and non-residents who are blind.

REPLACEMENT LICENSES

Fishing and Crabbing Licenses and Trout Permits can be replaced at a reduced fee.

The State of Maryland complied with the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act by enacting House Bill 115 during the 2003 General Assembly. The law requires the Department of Natural Resources to obtain and record Social Security numbers on all applications for recreational hunting and fishing licenses. Therefore, effective immediately, all persons who have a Social Security number must provide that number when applying for a recreational fishing or hunting license. **A license cannot be issued unless the Social Security number is provided.**

Bay Sport Pleasure Boat License allows everyone on board a vessel used for pleasure to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and is in lieu of individual licenses. A special complimentary Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, which includes recreational crabbing will be issued to the boat owner who purchases this license.

This license is also valid as a Recreational Crabbing Boat License.

Bay Sport Charter Boat Licenses allow individuals on board chartered vessels operated by Maryland Licensed Fishing Guides to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, and is in lieu of individual licenses. There are separate licenses for charter boats that carry 6 passengers or less and for charter boats that carry more than 6 passengers.

RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE

(January 1 through December 31 – calendar year)

(Crab season April 1 – December 15)

Required of persons catching crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries using:

1. Trotline not to exceed 1200 feet in length
2. 11 to 30 collapsible traps or rings; or
3. Up to 10 eel pots for catching the individuals own bait.
 - More than 2 dozen with a limit of 1 bushel of hard crabs
 - More than 1 dozen with a limit of 2 dozen soft crabs or peelers

Recreational Crabbing Boat License allows everyone on board a vessel to catch crabs for recreational purposes anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, and is in lieu of individual licenses. The following limits on gear apply to the boat:

1. Trotline not to exceed 1200 feet in length (baited portion)
2. A maximum of 30 collapsible traps or rings; or
3. Any number of handlines and dipnets.

Your application may be forwarded to any of the following Service Centers.
If you are unsure of which license(s) you need or are eligible to purchase, please contact any of the Service Centers.
Business Hours: 8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday (except State holidays)
Dundalk office only Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30 - 4:30 walk in customers only

Department of Natural Resources
Annapolis Service Center, C-1
580 Taylor Avenue - P. O. Box 1869
Annapolis, MD 21404
(410) 260-3220
1-866-344-8889 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
Western Service Center
3 Pershing Street, Rm 103
Cumberland, MD 21502
(301) 777-2134
1-866-679-0906 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
East Central Service Center
120 Broadway Avenue, Suite 5/ 6
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 819-4100
1-866-439-1708 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
Central Service Center
2 S. Bond Street
Bel Air, MD 21014
(410) 836-4550
1-866-623-3187 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
Eastern Service Center
201 Baptist Street
Salisbury, MD 21801
(410) 543-6700
1-866-812-1678 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
Southern Service Center
6904 Hallowing Lane
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(410) 535-3382
1-866-688-3823 (*Toll free)

Department of Natural Resources
Dundalk Service Center
7701 Wise Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21222
(410) 284-1654
1-866-535-8319 (*Toll free)

Walk in only

* Toll free numbers are available at all service centers for toll free calling within Maryland.

<u>2005 NON-RESIDENT FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES</u>			
STATE	ANNUAL	5-DAY	3-DAY
Alabama	\$31.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
Alaska	\$100.00	\$21.50	\$20.00
Arizona	\$51.50	\$21.00	\$13.00
Arkansas	\$32.00	\$14.00	\$11.00
California	\$88.20	\$25.20	\$23.00
Colorado	\$40.25	\$18.25	\$11.00
Connecticut	\$40.00	\$27.00	\$16.00
Delaware	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$5.00
Florida	\$31.50	\$12.00	\$5.00
Georgia	\$24.00	\$17.50	\$10.50
Hawaii	\$25.00	\$7.50	\$5.00
Idaho	\$74.50	\$26.50	\$18.50
Indiana	\$24.75	\$9.00	\$5.00
Iowa	\$39.50	\$22.00	\$15.50
Illinois	\$24.50	\$9.50	\$7.50
Kansas	\$43.25	\$21.75	\$13.00
Kentucky	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$21.00
Louisiana	\$60.00	\$19.00	\$11.50
Maine	\$53.00	\$27.00	\$24.00
Massachusetts	\$37.50	\$30.00	\$23.50
Michigan	\$41.00	\$28.00	\$21.00
Minnesota	\$36.00	\$18.00	\$11.00
Mississippi	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$17.00
Missouri	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
Montana	\$69.25	\$32.90	\$23.50
Nebraska	\$45.00	\$28.00	\$14.00
Nevada	\$69.00	\$46.00	\$32.00

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STATE	ANNUAL	5-DAY	3-DAY
New Hampshire	\$53.00	\$31.50	\$28.00
New Jersey	\$34.00	\$14.00	\$8.50
New Mexico	\$44.00	\$21.00	\$13.00
New York	\$40.00	\$18.00	\$11.00
North Carolina	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
North Dakota	\$37.00	\$25.00	\$17.00
Ohio	\$40.00	\$31.00	\$19.00
Oklahoma	\$37.00	\$18.50	\$11.50
Oregon	\$61.50	\$43.50	\$33.00
Pennsylvania	\$35.00	\$21.50	\$15.00
Rhode Island	\$35.00	\$27.00	\$16.00
South Carolina	\$35.00	\$8.00	\$5.00
South Dakota	\$59.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Tennessee	\$51.00	\$34.00	\$20.50
Texas	\$55.00	\$49.00	\$33.00
Utah	\$70.00	\$23.00	\$14.00
Vermont	\$41.00	\$33.50	\$20.00
Virginia	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Washington	\$43.80	\$16.50	\$10.00
West Virginia	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
Wisconsin	\$40.00	\$22.50	\$13.50
Wyoming	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Washington DC	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00